THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it may occur wherever there are infected domestic animals and the use of boiled milk is a good preventive."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Public Health was kind enough to say that this fever was prevalent in the Nilgiris and Coimbatore districts. May I know whether it is prevalent in other parts of the State also and as the people in the rural parts are not in the know of things about this peculiar disease, will the Hon. Minister be kind enough to educate the people on this ' Q ' fever, its symptoms and the measures to cure it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Health Staff in the two districts where such cases have occurred, namely, the Nilgiris and Coimbatore districts, have been asked to do propaganda and to advise people to drink milk that has been boiled."

Rebate on the sale of handloom cloth

* 921 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount allotted as rebate to buyers of handloom cloth:

(*b*) the total amount spent for rebates; and

(*c*) whether the rebate is allowed to the buyers from co-operative societies?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government of India have allotted a sum of Rs. 33,10,000 for the payment of rebate to the purchasers of handloom cloth.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 7,41,721 has been spent up to 31st October 1954.

" (*c*) Rebate is allowed to buyers from Weavers' Co-operative Societies, Consumers' Co-operative Stores and Fair Price Shops run by private dealers."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" தனிப்பட்ட வியாபாரிகளிடம் ஏராளமான துணிகள் விற்காமல் தேங்கிக் கிடக்கின்றன. ஆகவே, தனிப்பட்ட வியாபாரிகளும் அதிகப்படியான ரிபேட் கொடுப்பதற்கு உதவியாக செஸ் நிதியிலிருந்து பணம் ஒதுக்கப்படுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இப்பொழுது ரூபாய்க்கு ஒன்றரையணா ரிபேட் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது. அதை அதிகப்படுத்தவேண்டும் என்றுதான் கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கோருகிறார் என்று நான் நினைக்கிறேன். அதைப்பற்றி யோசிக்கலாம்."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" மத்திய சர்க்கார் நமக்குக் கொடுத்த 33 ஆயிரம் ரூபாயில் 7 ஆயிரம் ரூபாய்தான் செலவழிந்திருக்கிறது என்றால் போதிய அளவு கைத்தறித் துணி விற்பனை ஆகாமல் இருக்கிறது என்று அர்த்தம். கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்கள் மூலமாக விற்கப்படும் கைத்தறித் துணிக்கு ரூபாய்க்கு ஒன்றரையணாதான் ரிபேட் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. ஒன்றரையணா

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என்பதை இரண்டணு வரை உயர்த்தினுல் கைத்தறித் துணி இன்னும் அதிகமான அளவுக்கு விற்பனை ஆகும் என்பதை சர்க்கார் ஆலோசனை செய்வார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" 'ரிபேட்'ஐக் கணக்கு வழக்கு இல்லாமல் உயர்த்திக்கொண்டே போவது சரியல்ல என்பது அரசாங்கத்தினுடைய அபிப்பிராயம்."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, very few of the handloom weavers have come under co-operative societies which sell handloom cloth and a majority of them are still outside them. There are also hundreds of shops where handloom cloth is sold but the rebate is not given. The Hon. Minister said that the rebate is allowed in the case of fair price shops run by private dealers. Almost all shops are registered and I do not know what the Hon. Minister means by 'fair price shops.' Therefore, may I know what is the difficulty in the way of the Government allowing the rebate in the case of all shops which deal in handloom cloth? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, Government can extend this rebate facility to all private dealers. But, Government also have to look into the question of taking necessary steps to prevent abuses. Evidently the hon. Member refers to the peculiar conditions in Malabar district. Government will examine in what further way they can extend facilities for the sale of handloom cloth in the district of Malabar." 11-20 a.m.

Arrears of increment due to teachers in Malabar

* 922 Q.—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many teachers, under the Harijan Welfare Department, Malabar, have been paid the arrears of increments due to them from 1947 onwards; and

(*b*) the number of teachers still to be paid the arrears of increment?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) None of the teachers has been paid increments from 1947. Necessary action has been taken to draw and disburse the increments expeditiously.

" (*b*) 160 teachers."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know the reason for not paying the increments since 1947 and may I know also the action taken by the Government to expedite the payment of increments to the teachers? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The pay of these teachers was revised in 1947. When some arrear bills were sent to the Accountant-General for pre-audit, he said that the pay re-fixation statement of 1947 should be got approved by him before the arrear bills were passed. This was under